

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GRUBER *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/076,115

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For: **Methods for Production and
Purification of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**



Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Tung, J.

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Preliminary Remarks

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) in the above matter. In advance of prosecution of the CPA, Applicants wish to submit the following remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.